

REMARKS

A. Statement of Reasons for Allowance

On August 24, 2006 a Notice of Allowance was mailed regarding the above-mentioned patent application. The Notice of Allowance presented a statement of reasons for the allowance of the claims. Applicant traverses the statement to the extent that there are broader and other reasons why the claims are allowable over the prior art. Applicant traverses the statement to the extent that method claim 12 and its dependent claims do not recite an evaluation device.

B. Claims 1-19

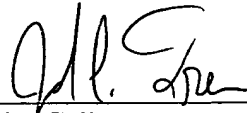
Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 1-19 have been allowed. Since it is not believed that the amendments made to claims 12 and 19 change the intended meaning of the claims, Applicant believes that the claims should be granted in a patent.

CONCLUSION

In view of the arguments above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims 1-19 are in condition for allowance and seek an early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes

that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorneys at (312) 321-4200.

Respectfully submitted,

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